

TROOPS OUTWIT VILLA BANDITS; TWO SCOUTS ROUT BIG COMMAND

Shouting "Los Americanos," Villistas Flee From Bachi-
niba When Scouts Open Fire; Troops Pursue, But
Bandits Escape, Running Foul of Col. Brown's
Tenth Cavalry; Troopers Inflict Punishment.

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GEN. PERSHING'S Camp at San Ge-
ronimo Ranch, Mexico, April 2.—
By Airplane and Motor Truck to
Columbus, N. M., April 2.—News of
the second Villista defeat, which
swayed here late today, was taken as
a sharp moral defeat for the Villistas,
because the American cavalrymen had
outwitted them at their own game, that
of slipping unseen through mountain

AMERICANS GO BACK TO MEXICO

North Western Train Car-
ries Returning Refugees;
Supplies Shipped.

Another train left Juarez Friday for
the Casas Grandes and Pearson dis-
tricts. It was a combination train
carrying both passengers and freight.
The number of passengers was un-
usually large and included many
Americans. Officials of the Mexican
North Western say that with the pres-
ence in the Casas Grandes district of
American troops, and an attendant
feeling of security, practically all the
persons who came to the border after
the Columbus massacre are returning
to the interior.

The quartermasters depot here con-
tinues to send large quantities of sup-
plies to the front by way of Columbus.

Scouts Make Villistas Flee.
Ever since the Villistas retreated
from Guerrero, the presence of Villis-
tas in some three between Guerrero and
Bachiniba, 55 miles northeast of Guer-
rero, had been known. It also was evi-
dent from the reports to headquarters
that these Villistas under Manuel Lo-
pez, were inclined to rely for safety on
their intimate knowledge of the moun-
tain passes. That they were relying on
nothing else than their speed in mak-
ing for difficult passes was indicated
last Friday, March 31, when two Ameri-
can scouts inadvertently frightened the
entire band, estimated at about 200, out
of the town of Bachiniba.

Fear "Los Americanos."
The scouts got into a bloodless duel
with two Villista outposts at Bachiniba.
The sound of the firing around the Vil-
listas who at that time were camped in
the plaza of the town. They scrambled
for their horses with shouts of "Los
Americanos!"

They rode out of the mountains in a
hurry. Saturday and Sunday two sepa-
rate columns of cavalrymen driving the
train which this band had taken. In
spite of fast riding, or rather fast
walking, for it is by walking and lead-
ing their horses most of the way, that
the cavalry gets around and sometimes
directly over the mountain tops, rather
than the troops was in position to catch
the Villistas.

These Brown Caught Them.
Apparently that is what the bandits
had expected, but they reckoned again,
as at their first defeat at Guerrero,
without counting on the unexpected
striking power of the American caval-
rymen. The Americans were not relying
upon merely two columns of troops to
box the Villistas. Below Bachiniba,
where either the Villistas did not know
of their presence, or where they consid-
ered them too far away to be a menace,
were 300 negro cavalrymen under Col.
W. C. Brown. These negroes have the
reputation of being among the best
trailers in the army. They caught the
Villistas after the bandits had ridden
only a few hours out of Bachiniba.

Like Dodge's fight at Guerrero, this
was a case of quick work for a few moments
with rifles, and then a chase. The
Americans did not stop to report what
they had done but stayed on the trail,
that tonight, two days after the
fight, no details have reached head-
quarters camp, other than the bare re-
port of a skirmish and the story of
two Mexican ranchmen giving the lo-
cation of the encounter and Villista
losses.

The news of the encounter caused no
surprise or special elation in this camp.
"We expect to get them," was the
usual comment of the officers when
asked whether they were surprised at
finding the hiding Villistas so soon again.

NO TROOPS ADVANCING THIS WAY FROM MEXICO—GARCIA

"If the troops of Pablo Gonzalez, gen-
eral in command of the Constitutional
army in the state of Mexico, are mov-
ing toward the border," said Andres
Garcia, Mexican consul in El Paso, "it
is considerable more information than
I know on the matter."

Mr. Garcia was asked the question as
to Gen. Gonzalez's movement because
of a newspaper dispatch which stated
that Gonzalez was en route to the bor-
der with 15,000 soldiers.

Neither would Mr. Garcia express
himself upon the reported movement
south of troops under the command of
Gen. P. Elias Calles in Sonora. "I pre-
sume," he said, "that if there is any
movement of troops south in Sonora it
is to flank Villa's passage into the
state of Sinaloa. Already we have a
line of troops heading him off from a
passage into Durango."

"The truth of the matter," said Mr.
Garcia, "is that Mexico is in general-
speaking, very quiet. Chihuahua and
Morelos are the only states where there
is any trouble and both of these states
have been the scene of boundless trou-
ble to the republic for a number of gen-
erations. Chihuahua, especially, has
been a hotbed of insurrection and it is
a mistake to judge the whole republic
by the acts of bandits in either Chi-
huahua or Morelos. When these two
states are quieted, all Mexico will be
quiet."

HIP, VILLA IS RELEASED; EXTRADITION NOT ALLOWED

Havana, Cuba, April 17.—Col. Hipolito
Villa, brother of Francisco Villa, who
was arrested here on February 1 at the
request of the American minister, has
been held pending extradition pro-
ceedings, has been released. He is un-
der indictment in Texas on a charge of
conspiracy in cutting a railway line
near El Paso last December in an at-
tempt to hamper the movement of Car-
ranza forces through American terri-
tory to attack the Villa forces in Mex-
ico, but the Cuban secretary of state an-
nounced that the United States has
failed to produce evidence warranting
his extradition.

ASK \$50,000 FOR WIRELESS STATIONS ALONG BORDER

Washington, D. C., April 7.—Appro-
priations of \$50,000 for wireless stations
at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Fort McIntosh
and Fort Bliss, Texas, were asked of
congress today by the war department.

CAPT. HILGARD TO TAKE COMMAND OF TRUCK COMPANY

Seattle, Wash., April 7.—Capt. M. H.
Hilgard, quartermaster at Fort Law-
ton, was under orders today to proceed
to Columbus, N. M., to take command
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MANY BANDITS DEAD, CAPTURED

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Wounded and Captured,
Others Dispersed.

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Gen. Pershing's Camp at San Geroni-
mo Ranch, Chihuahua, April 2 (by air-
plane and Motor courier to Columbus,
N. M., April 2).—A large part of the
bandits with whom Villa failed Col-
umbus, N. M., March 31, are ac-
counted for by the expeditionary
force. At least 45 of them, and
probably 50 or 60, were killed in the
Guerrero fight. About two dozen oth-
ers, wounded and left behind by Villa
in his flight from the border, have been
collected and held by the American
authorities at points along the line of
communications. Reports have come
in indicating that some others deserted
Villa. Most of these claimed that they
were forced to join his band. This
means about 100 accounted for in the
march of the expeditionary forces.

In addition, about 200 others were
scattered over the mountains of this
section by the fight at Guerrero. One
of the evidences of the effectiveness
of the numerous reports about the hiding
places of Villistas. Some of them are
assured, as one from an apparent-
high authority which named this head-
quarters camp positively as Villa's hid-
ing place. There is no place for any-
one to hide here, not even a tent, and
the Mexican population is so small that
it can all be counted in five minutes.

A few of the reports probably are
spread by Villa sympathizers, but the mil-
itary authorities are not relying on na-
tive information. Instead they are
developing their own intelligence sys-
tem, realizing that this may be a long
hunt.

More cavalry, infantry and supplies
are on the way along the 225 mile line
which the army has penetrated into
Mexican territory to date. The expedi-
tion is still driving with the same
speed as at the start across the border,
though now in a more routine spirit.
The men and horses are hardened now.
They have reduced the day's work to a
familiar system. The problem is to
make this system cover as wide a field
daily as possible and to keep pushing
out all the time.

Alvin's Scouts for Villistas.
The first airplane scouting over the
mountains where the Villistas fled after
they were dispersed in the battle of
Guerrero was done near this camp yester-
day. The aviator, while out carry-
ing messages, participated in a search
by a troop of cavalry for the hiding
place of a small band of Villistas who
two days before had escaped into a
ridge of low mountains.
The plane located all the American
troops below it on the mountains with
perfect ease, the aviator reported. He
made out distinctly some Mexicans
near the American camp from which
the cavalry search had started. The
peculiar mark was easily distinguish-
able from that of the American sol-
diers. These Mexicans were not Vil-
listas. The airplane scout made out
that, except for possible hiding places
in caves or under precipices, the moun-
tains where he was flying were not oc-
cupied by the Villistas.

BILL TO PROMOTE COL. DODD TO BRIGADIER IS IN HOUSE

Washington, D. C., April 7.—A bill to
authorize the president to promote
George A. Dodd, who recently led the
American troops into Mexico in a dash
against Villa forces, to the grade of
brigadier general, was introduced to-
day by representative Kloss of Penn-
sylvania. The colonel will retire next
June.

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and hardware left Juarez Friday morn-
ing at 8 o'clock over the Mexico North
Western railroad consigned to mer-
chants and commission men in the
Casas Grandes district. The supplies
are all needed by the United States
troops in that section and the mer-
chants and commission men have un-
dertaken the shipments in order to
meet this need by having the supplies
on hand when the demand is good.

While not all of the supplies could
be carried by the one freight engine
now used on the North Western, a
capacity train was sent down. In the
North Western freight yard, before the
train started, were 32 cars of hay, two
cars of gasoline, two cars of oats, one

car of auto supplies, dry goods, and
drugs; and one car of provisions. The
most that the railroad officials will
haul at one time is 14 cars.

In making the shipment the prefer-
ence was given to the car of provisions,
the two cars of gasoline, and the one
car of drugs, drygoods and automobile
accessories.

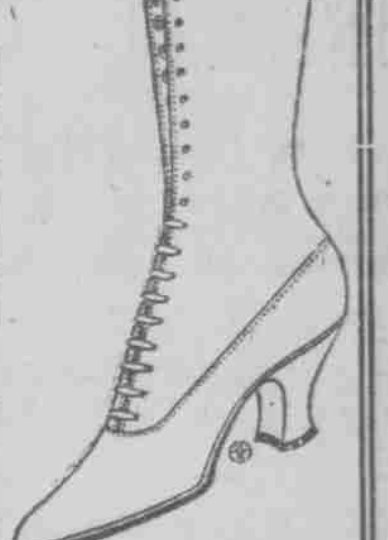
THREE AMERICANS ARE SLAIN IN SINALOA

Tucson, Ariz., April 2.—Railroad ad-
vice received here Thursday stated
that, while riding on a handcar nine
miles south of Rosario, Sinaloa, on the
Southern Pacific of Mexico railroad, the
former conductor Wallace, F. C. Burke
and Roderick Davidson, Americans, and
former conductor Rodrigo, a Spaniard,
were assassinated by bandits Wednes-
day morning.

Burke, former agent at Rosario, was
being moved with his family and house-
hold goods by the section force from
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place the bodies on handcars and bring
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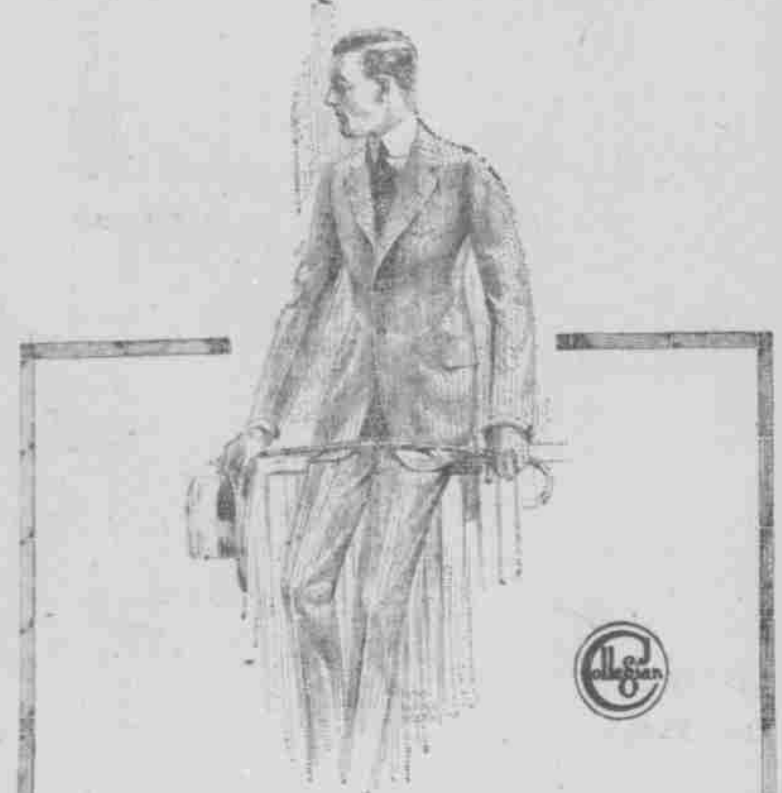
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pound	
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pound	
Fancy Corn Fed German Oven Roast,	17 1/2c
pound	
Fancy Corn Fed Boiling or Stewing Beef,	12 1/2c
pound	
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